

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) An apparatus for use with a patient support including a frame, a mattress positioned on the frame, and a siderail coupled to the frame, the siderail including a patient control, the apparatus comprising

a member configured to be coupled to the siderail and including an external perimeter, wherein the external perimeter of the member is contoured to permit access to a patient control of the siderail.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the mattress of the patient support and the siderail of the patient support cooperate to define a gap therebetween, wherein the member is positionable to substantially block the gap defined by the siderail and the mattress.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the member includes a lower portion sized to extend into the gap defined between the mattress and the siderail.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising a bolster coupled to the member in a position overlaying a portion of the mattress.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a bolster coupled to the member in a position overlaying a portion of the mattress.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the member includes a support panel and a hook defining a slot, the bolster is coupled to the support panel, and the slot is sized to receive an upper edge of the siderail.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a surface of the member is covered with a resilient material.

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the mattress of the patient support and the siderail of the patient support cooperate to define a gap therebetween, wherein the member is positionable to substantially block the gap defined by the siderail and the mattress.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for use with a patient support including a frame, a mattress positioned on the frame, and a siderail moveable between a raised position blocking egress of a patient from the mattress and a lowered position below the patient rest surface to permit egress of a patient from the mattress, the mattress and the siderail cooperating to define a gap therebetween, the apparatus comprising

a member having a first portion positionable in the gap to substantially fill the gap defined between the siderail and the mattress and a wedge-shaped second portion positioned directly over the mattress.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the first portion includes a planar member having a lower portion positionable in the gap and a hook member configured to define a slot for receiving the siderail when the siderail is in the raised position.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the member is adapted to be coupled to the frame of the patient support.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein a surface of the planar member is covered with a resilient material.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the rigid support member is adapted to be coupled to the frame and is further adapted to be coupled to the siderail when the siderail is in the raised position.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising a bolster coupled to the gap filler.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the bolster is in a position overlaying a portion of the patient rest surface of the mattress.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the bolster is wedge-shaped and is made of a resilient foam.

19. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for use with a patient support including a frame, a mattress positioned on the frame, and a siderail coupled to the frame, the siderail being moveable in a longitudinal direction relative to the frame between a raised position blocking egress of a patient from the mattress and a lowered position to permit egress of a patient from the mattress, the mattress and the siderail cooperating to define a gap therebetween, the apparatus comprising:

a rigid support member, and

a gap filler supported by the rigid support member and positionable in the gap to substantially fill the gap defined between the siderail and the mattress, wherein an external perimeter of the rigid support member is contoured to permit access to a patient control of the siderail.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the rigid support member is on a first side of the siderail when the siderail is in the raised position and a second side of the siderail when the siderail is in the lowered position.

21 - 31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) A patient support comprising:

a frame;

a mattress supported by the frame and providing a patient rest surface; and

a barrier positioned longitudinally adjacent the patient rest surface and

including a rail member including upper and lower edges, spaced-apart first and second ends, a first surface facing the mattress, and a second surface facing away from the first surface, the barrier and the mattress cooperating to define a gap therebetween, the barrier further including a protrusion positioned on the interior surface at the first end of the rail member, the protrusion extending into the gap and the protrusion tapering from a wide base to a peak.

33. (Previously Presented) The patient support of claim 32, wherein the protrusion is positioned adjacent the lower edge of the rail member.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Presented) The patient support of claim 32, wherein the barrier includes a siderail and a siderail apparatus.

36. (Previously Presented) The patient support of claim 32, wherein the protrusion extends transversely from the interior surface.

37. (Currently Amended) A patient support comprising:

a frame including first and second ends;

a mattress supported by the frame;

an end board positioned on one of the first and second ends; and

a barrier positioned longitudinally adjacent the mattress and including a blocking portion configured to block egress of a patient from the patient support, the barrier and mattress cooperating to define a gap therebetween, the barrier further including a protrusion coupled to the blocking portion and positioned to extend into the gap, the protrusion being positioned at least adjacent the end board and the protrusion including a base portion having a first width and a middle portion having a second width less the first width, the base portion being positioned between the middle portion and the blocking portion.

38. (Cancelled)

39. (Currently Amended) The patient support of ~~claim 38~~ claim 37, wherein the protrusion further includes a tip portion having a third width less than the second width, the middle portion being positioned between the tip portion and the base portion.

40. (Previously Presented) The patient support of claim 39, wherein the tip portion includes a truncated peak.

41. (Previously Presented) The patient support of claim 37, wherein the barrier includes a siderail having a lower corner and the protrusion is positioned adjacent the lower corner.

42. (Previously Presented) The patient support of claim 37, wherein the protrusion extends in a lateral direction.

43 - 65. (Cancelled)